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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force and Pilot Project on Child Pedestrian Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force and Pilot Project on Child Pedestrian
4 Safety; specifying the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to
5 designate a chairman; requiring the Department of Transportation to provide
6 staff and administrative support for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
7 initiate a pilot project consisting of the development of an action plan,
8 implementation of the action plan, and evaluation of the benefits achieved
9 through implementation of the action plan; requiring the Task Force to develop
10 an action plan and present the action plan to the Department of Transportation;
11 requiring the Department of Transportation to implement the action plan;
12 requiring the Task Force to make a certain evaluation; requiring the Task Force
13 to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
14 and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force and Pilot Project on
15 Child Pedestrian Safety.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force on Child Pedestrian Safety.

19 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
21 of the Senate;

22 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House;

24 (3) The Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee;

25 (4) The Secretary of Planning or the Secretary's designee;

26 (5) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's
27 designee;

28 (6) The Secretary of Education or the Secretary's designee; and

1 (7) Two citizen members selected by the Governor.

2 (c) (1) The Governor shall designate a chairman of the Task Force.

3 (2) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff and
4 administrative support for the Task Force.

5 (d) The Task Force shall designate two counties, or Baltimore City and a
6 county, as target areas and shall initiate a pilot project on child pedestrian safety,
7 focusing on routes to schools in the target areas.

8 (e) The pilot project shall consist of three sequential phases as follows:

9 (1) Development of an action plan;

10 (2) Implementation of the action plan; and

11 (3) Evaluation of benefits achieved through implementation of the action
12 plan.

13 (f) (1) The Task Force shall develop an action plan that shall include
14 suggestions for making improvements and initiating programs that are aimed at
15 enhancing the safety and encouraging the use of child pedestrian routes to schools.

16 (2) In developing the action plan, the Task Force shall:

17 (i) Consult with school administrators, police officers, Parent
18 Teacher Association members, and any other persons that the Task Force deems
19 necessary;

20 (ii) Conduct surveys of relevant areas; and

21 (iii) Identify safety impediments in child pedestrian routes to
22 schools.

23 (g) The Task Force shall present the action plan to the Department of
24 Transportation on or before December 1, 2002.

25 (h) The Department of Transportation shall:

26 (1) Budget from federal funds available to the Department,
27 other funds in the Transportation Trust Fund, and any other funds available to the
28 Department, an amount sufficient to fund implementation of the action plan; and

29 (2) Fully implement the action plan before June 1, 2002.

30 (i) Upon full implementation of the action plan, the Task Force shall evaluate
31 the benefits, if any, achieved through implementation of the action plan over a 12
32 month period.

1 (j) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and
2 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
3 Article, to the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2003.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2001.